What is claimed is:

- A composite synthetic paper shelf liner comprising: a sheet of synthetic paper, having on a first side a layer of a polymeric material, and having on a second side a layer of a repositionable adhesive.
- The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 1 further comprising a layer of a tie coating between the synthetic paper and the layer of repositionable adhesive.

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3. The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 1 wherein the layer of polymeric material comprises a silicone polymeric material.

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- 4. The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 1 wherein the synthetic paper has a tensile strength of at least 1000 pounds per square inch in the machine and cross-machine directions.
- 5. The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 4 wherein the tensile strength is at least 1500 pounds per square inch in the machine and cross-machine direction.

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6. The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 4 wherein the synthetic paper comprises a film.

- 7. The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 1 wherein the synthetic paper has a thickness of from 80 to 150 microns.
- 5 8. The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 1 wherein the synthetic paper comprises a polyolefin or a copolyolefin.
 - 9. The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 8 wherein the synthetic paper comprises a copolyolefin.
 - 10. The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 9 wherein the synthetic paper comprises copolypropylene.
- 11. The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 2 wherein the tie coating comprises a polyethyleneimine.

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- 12. The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 1 wherein the repositionable adhesive comprises a pressure sensitive acrylic adhesive.
- 13. The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 2 wherein the repositionable adhesive comprises a pressure sensitive acrylic adhesive.
 - 14. A combination of a horizontal surface and the shelf liner of claim 1.

- 15. A method of covering a horizontal surface which comprises applying the shelf liner of claim 1 to the horizontal surface.
- 16. The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 1 in the form of a roll.
 - 17. The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 16 wherein the shelf liner does not contain a release sheet to prevent contact between the adhesive and the first surface life shelf liner.

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